

The Parties' Parties

Dems open political meeting
with honor guard marching

in. Their chrome helmets show
the delegates themselves, decided

miniatures. Stage, of course,
already is awash with flags.
Then the prayer and then

the pledge (adding that
parenthetical bastardization
we can blame Ike for).

Repubs? Don't ask!
Patriotic Christians to
their thieving fingertips,

they have soured
God with murder.